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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In application of:

Mineo Nomoto, et al.

Application No.: 10/082,520

Filed: February 22, 2002

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MEASURING THICKNESS OF THIN
FILM AND DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD USING
SAME

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8662

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, counsel elects Group A, claims 1-6 and 8-16.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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